Government and the State Governments as notified under the Essential Commodities Act.

2557. [*Transferred to the 2nd December, 1987*].

Power sets manufactured by BHEL

2558. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the generating capacity of the powers sets manufactured by BHEL and whether there are any complaints about the performance of these energy producing sets;

(b) whether Government has adopted the policy of allowing import of generating sets and have allowed the private sector industrial units like Birla's Hindustan Aluminium Company as well as Reliance Industries and Renusagar Power Project to import such sets; and

(c) if so, what is the policy of Government as regards liberalisation of imports as against the interest of the indigenous industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) The range of power sets manufactured by BHEL so far are as follows :

—Thermal upto 500 MW

—Hydro upto 165 MW

The performance of BHEL sets by and large has been satisfactory.

(b) and (c) In order to protect the interests of indigenous industry, import of power generating equipment is not normally allowed. Import is, however, permitted selectively, depending on the totality of circumstances. M/s. Renusagar Power Company owned by M/s. Hindalco have been allowed to import 1×67.5 MW TG set based on competitive offer.

2559. [*Transferred to the 2nd December, 1986*].

Streamline the working of public projects.

2560 SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether over-employment and under utilisation of capacity as alleged have afflicted the steel, coal, fertilizers and other public sector enterprises if so, to what extent;

(b) whether such mismanagement is attributable to the fact that many public sector projects are being run without Chief Executives or professional Directors and if so, how many such units are working in the absence of such personnel; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to streamline the working of the public projects, so as to be able to fully contribute their share of resources to the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) :

(a) to (c) The performance of public sector undertakings depend on various factors. It is not possible to attribute the poor performance of Public Sector Undertakings to any single factor.

Some of the major causes identified for such poor performance include constraints in the availability of inputs like coal, power transportation facilities; reduced demand in certain industries like Shipping and Ship Building; uneconomic prices; inherent sickness in the case of nationalised units taken over from the private sector; increase in input costs from time to time